Lattice Exploration of Strong Dynamics at the TeV Scale

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Outline

Motivation

Lattice Calculations

Lattice search for the conformal window Work by the LSD Collaboration

Summary

Technicolor Theories

Weinberg & Susskind 1979

- ▶ Strong Dynamics: strongly coupled gauge theories may play a role at the electroweak scale: $\Lambda_{TC} \simeq F_{EW} \approx 246$ GeV.
- ▶ Introduce new gauge interactions $SU(N_{TC})$ at Λ_{TC} .
- ▶ Technifermions possess chiral symmetry, transforming under $SU(N_{f,TC})_L \otimes SU(N_{f,TC})_R$.
- Spontaneous chiral symmetry breaking
 - → massless Technicolor Goldstone bosons
 - → three of these provide mass for the EW gauge bosons.
- Extended technicolor at $\Lambda_{ETC} \gg \Lambda_{TC}$ to generate quark and lepton masses. Dimopoulos & Susskind 1979, Eichten & Lane 1979

$$m_{q,l} \simeq rac{\langle \overline{Q}Q
angle_{ETC}}{\Lambda_{ETC}^2}$$

Difficulties with QCD-like Technicolor

If TC theories are QCD-like

• With $\langle \overline{Q}Q \rangle_{TC} \simeq 4\pi F_{FW}^3$, and

$$\langle \overline{Q} Q \rangle_{ETC} = \langle \overline{Q} Q \rangle_{TC} \exp \left(\int_{\Lambda_{TC}}^{\Lambda_{ETC}} \frac{d\mu}{\mu} \gamma_{m}(\mu) \right) \rightarrow \langle \overline{Q} Q \rangle_{TC} \ln(\Lambda_{ETC}/\Lambda_{TC})$$

- $ightarrow \langle \overline{Q}Q
 angle_{ETC}/\Lambda_{ETC}^2 < 0.1~{
 m MeV}$
- → too small to generate SM quark masses
- ▶ The electroweak S parameter would be too big to be consistent with the experimental constraint: $S \approx 0$.

One solution: Walking Technicolor.

Walking Technicolor

There exists a region $\Lambda_{IR} < \mu < \Lambda_{UV}$ where the running coupling $\alpha(\mu)$ evolves very slowly.

▶ Assume $\gamma(\mu) \sim \gamma$, then Techni-quark condensate gets enhanced:

$$\langle \overline{Q} Q
angle_{ETC} \sim \langle \overline{Q} Q
angle_{TC} \left(rac{\Lambda_{UV}}{\Lambda_{IR}}
ight)^{\gamma}$$

Could be large enough to generate quark masses.

Could result in a small S parameter.

Such theories could exist with a large number of massless fermions.

The Conformal Window

 SU(N) gauge theories with N_f massless Dirac fermions, conjectured from two-loop β function

Banks & Zaks 1981 $N_f < 11N/2 \qquad \text{asymptotically free} \\ 0 \leq N_f < N_f^c \qquad \text{confinement and SχSB} \\ N_f^c \leq N_f < 11N/2 \qquad \text{conformal (\exists Infrared fixed point)} \\ N_f > 11N_c/2 \qquad \text{asymptotic freedom lost}$

- $ightharpoonup N_f^c$ the conformal window
- "Walking" may appear with $N_f \to N_f^c$.
- ▶ The problem: N_f^c not precisely known. Various perturbative calculations and approximations give a wide range of results.
- Lattice calculations can help.

Lattice Toolbox

Many existing tools for the QCD studies can be used:

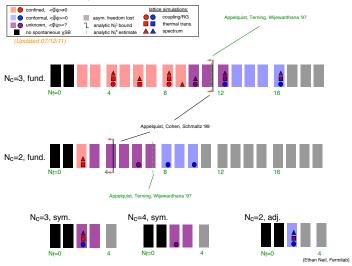
- Non-perturbative running coupling calculations How does the running coupling change with the energy scale?
- Hadron and glueball spectrum measurements Are the quark mass dependence and state ordering the same as QCD?
- Chiral condensate
 Does the chiral condensate vanish or get enhanced?
- ► Thermodynamic properties (*T_c*, EoS, etc.) Is there a deconfinement transition? Is EoS different?

A Dozen Lattice BSM Efforts Worldwide



Picture Credit: George Fleming (Origin of Mass 2010)

Current Landscape



Picture Credit: Ethan Neil (Lattice 2011)

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LSD Program

- ▶ Explore the $N_c N_f$ plane of the SU(N_c) gauge theories non-perturbatively.
- ▶ Look for trends with changing N_c , N_f , and perhaps locate N_f^c .
- Chiral symmetry plays an important role.
 - Use domain wall fermions: nearly exact chiral symmetry.
- Start from something familiar on the lattice: SU(3) in the fundamental representation.
 - $ightharpoonup N_f = 2$: as a reference point.
 - Nf = 6: first focus on QCD-like theories, and move cautiously towards the conformal window.
 - $N_f = 10$: more challenging, can be QCD-like, conformal or walking.
- Want to have sufficient separation between IR and UV scales in a slowly-running theory → small lattice spacing:
 - We aim for five times the vector meson mass: $1/a \approx 5M_V$.

Current Status

- ▶ $N_f = 2$ and $N_f = 6$, more than three years of running. Currently increasing statistics on existing ensembles.
- Observables under study:
 - hadron spectrum and chiral condensate
 - S parameter
 - $\pi \pi$ scattering
- ▶ Publications for $N_f = 2$ and $N_f = 6$:
 - ► Condensate enhancement, arXiv:0910.2224 [hep-ph].
 - S parameter and parity doubling, arXiv:1009.5967 [hep-ph]
- $ightharpoonup N_f = 10$ in progress.
- SU(2) simulations in the pipeline.

Chiral Condensate Enhancement

- As we increase N_f but below N_f^c , if the theory becomes slowly running, then the chiral condensate should get enhanced.
- On the lattice we can use three ways to measure chiral condensate (from three GMOR ratios)

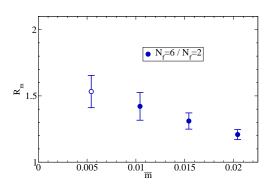
$$R = \frac{\langle \overline{\psi}\psi \rangle}{F_\pi^3} = \frac{M_\pi^3}{\sqrt{(2m)^3 \langle \overline{\psi}\psi \rangle}} = \frac{M_\pi^2}{2mF_\pi}$$

▶ Define enhancement ratios w.r.t the SM with $N_f = 2$ at roughly the same lattice cutoff.

$$\mathcal{R}_{XY,\widetilde{m}}\equiv rac{R^{(N_f)}}{R^{(N_f=2)}}$$

Condensate Enhancement for $N_f = 6$

$$R_m \equiv \frac{M_m^2}{2mF_{\pi}} / \frac{M_m^2}{2mF_{\pi}} / \frac{M_m^2}{2mF_{\pi}}$$



T. Appelguist et al. (LSD Collaboration), PRL104:071601.2010

The S Parameter

- Parametrizes vacuum polarization (oblique) corrections. Peskin and Takeuchi 1992
- Used to contrain new physics beyond the Standard Model.
- Definition

$$S = -4\pi \left[\Pi'_{VV}(0) - \Pi'_{AA}(0) \right] - \Delta S_{SM}, \, \Pi'(0) = \frac{d\Pi(q^2)}{dq^2} |_{q^2 \to 0}$$

where

$$\Pi^{\mu\nu}_{VV}(q) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} e^{iq\cdot\mathbf{x}} \langle V^{\mu}(\mathbf{x}) V^{\nu}(0) \rangle, \ \Pi^{\mu\nu}_{AA}(q) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} e^{iq\cdot\mathbf{x}} \langle A^{\mu}(\mathbf{x}) A^{\nu}(0) \rangle$$

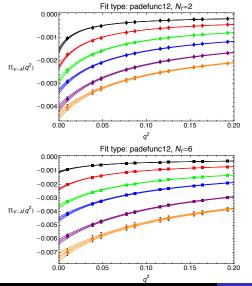
▶ ∆S_{SM} – Standard Model Higgs contributions

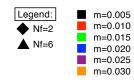
$$\Delta S_{SM} = \frac{1}{4} \int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{s} \left[1 - \left(1 - \frac{m_H^2}{s} \right)^3 \theta(s - m_H^2) \right]$$

 m_H – reference Higgs mass.

▶ Electroweak precision experiments find $S \approx 0$. Scaled-up QCD with $N_f = 2$ gives $S \approx 0.3$.

Extracting S from Current Correlators



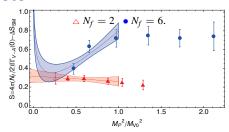


- Need the slopes at $q^2 = 0$.
- Use Padè(1,2) to describe the q^2 dependence.

$$\Pi_{V-A}(q^2) = \frac{a_0 + a_1 q^2}{1 + q^2 (b_1 + b_2 q^2)}$$

- Fits describe the data reasonably well in the small q^2 region
- Insensitive to fit ranges: fits are stable.

The S Parameter



T. Appelquist et al. (LSD Collaboration), PRL 106 (2011) 231601

- $N_f = 2$ gives S = 0.32(5) with $m_H \sim 1$ TeV, consistent with scaled-up QCD.
- For $N_f=6$, at small mass, S drops below naive scaled-up QCD value, which would be 3 times the $N_f=2$ value.
- There can be chiral log contributions, which will eventually make S turn up. (In $N_f = 2$, the chiral logs cancel after the SM subtraction.)
- Other interactions need to be turned on to have a finite S for N_f = 6 in the chiral limit.

Is the ten-flavor theory chirally broken, or conformal?

- Hayakawa et al. observed evidence for the existence of an infrared fixed point from Schrödinger functional running coupling studies. [Phys. Rev. D 83, 074509 (2011)]
- ▶ The hadron mass guark mass dependence is different in these two scenarios.
- In a chirally broken theory, at sufficiently light quark masses, chiral perturbation theory predicts m_f dependence.
 - ▶ However, M_P/M_V values in our simulations range from 0.71 to 0.83.
 - Simulated guark masses are likey too heavy to make use of ChPT.
- In a mass-deformed conformal theory, hadron masses are governed by universality,

$$M_X \approx C_X m^{1/(1+\gamma^*)} + \cdots$$

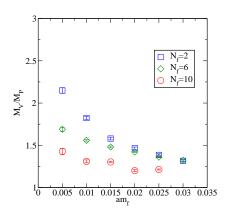
- Ratios of hadron masses would be roughly independent of guark masses.
- For DWF, $m \equiv m_f + m_{res}$.

Can the theory be conformal?

Recall that in a mass-deformed conformal theory

$$M_X = C_X m^{1/(1+\gamma^*)}$$

so the vector-to-pseudoscalar meson mass ratio M_V/M_P should look roughly constant.



- The $N_f = 2$ data are diverging as $m \to 0$, as expected since $M_P \to 0$.
- Similarlyly for N_f = 6, though not as obvious.
- The $N_f = 10$ data may show an upward trend as $m \to 0$. But since the errorbars are underestimated, it is also possible that the ratios can be roughly constant. More work is in progress.

Summary

- Lattice studies by the LSD collaboration find evidence for condensate enhancement and reduced S parameter with $N_f = 6$ for SU(3) gauge theories.
- ▶ $N_f = 10$ studies are in progress. Could be in either the chirally broken or conformal phase.
- Lattice gauge theory has the potential to provide valuable input to theoretical model building.

Challenges

- Computionally more demanding than QCD.
- There are still many unresolved issues that need to be understood.
- ▶ What is the best way to distinguish conformal from QCD-like?
- ► How do we distinguish walking from conformal? Larger boxes and smaller lattice spacings?